

Senate Bill 506

By: Senators Balfour of the 9th, Shafer of the 48th and Unterman of the 45th

AS PASSED

AN ACT

To amend Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and HOPE grants, so as to provide for a set amount for mandatory fees for HOPE scholarships and HOPE grants for eligible public postsecondary institutions created after January 1, 2004; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 7 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to HOPE scholarships and HOPE grants, is amended by striking paragraph (1) of subsection (h) of Code Section 20-3-519.2, relating to HOPE scholarships at public postsecondary institutions, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(h)(1) Subject to the amounts appropriated by the General Assembly and provisions relating to the Lottery for Education Account in Code Section 50-27-13, a HOPE scholarship awarded under this Code section shall include tuition, approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance not to exceed \$100.00 per quarter or \$150.00 per semester, except as otherwise provided for in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection."

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended by adding at the end of subsection (h) of said Code Section 20-3-519.2 a new paragraph (3) to read as follows:

"(3) Paragraph (2) of this subsection shall not apply to an eligible public postsecondary institution established by law on or after January 1, 2004. For any eligible public postsecondary institution established on or after January 1, 2004, the amount of the mandatory fees paid shall be equal to such amount or amounts initially approved for that new eligible public postsecondary institution for its first year of operation by action of

the board of regents or the Department of Technical and Adult Education, as applicable, except as otherwise provided for in Code Section 50-27-13."

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.